



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-0992)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-0885)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.  
Commissioner Burton joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the February 13, 2013. (13-0886)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of February 13, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Department Representatives Report's for February 20, 2013.

- Department of Auditor-Controller
  - Monthly Report
- Department of Children and Family Services

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- Monthly Report
  - Internal Services Department
    - Monthly Report
  - Department of Mental Health
    - Monthly Report
  - Probation Department
    - Monthly Report
  - Sheriff's Department
    - Monthly Report (13-0887)

**Department of Auditor Controller (AC)**

**Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Group Home Hotline Call Activity during the months of December 2012 and January 2013 as follows:**

- **December 2012:**
  - **7 Total phone calls:**
    - **Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information**
      - ❖ Probation 1
      - ❖ Department of Children and Family Services 2
      - ❖ Personal Rights 4
- **January 2013:**
  - **7 Total phone calls:**
    - **Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information**
      - ❖ Group Home 1
      - ❖ Probation – Alameda County 1
      - ❖ DCFS Ombudsman Referral 1
      - ❖ Contact 1
      - ❖ Respect 1
      - ❖ School Community/Religious Services 1
      - ❖ Fear, Threats, Intimidation 1
- **Visits and Outreach**
  - **Aviva Center**

**Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)**

Patricia Balonos-Gonzalez, Children Services Administrator, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, introduced Ms. Rhonda David-Shirley, Children Services Administrator III (CSA III), as the new representative for the Out of Home Care Division (DCFS). She will be taking the place of Ms. Elizabeth Howard, CSA III, to present at future Commission meetings.

Ms. Balonos-Gonzalez also reported that during the period of January 16, 2013 to February 19, 2013 the child abuse hotline received a total of 13 referrals in the following categories:

- 2 Child at Risk
- 3 General Neglect
- 8 Physical Abuse

During the same reporting period there were a total of 15 closed referrals in the following categories:

- 2 Evaluated Out
- 7 General Neglect
- 5 Physical Abuse
- 1 Sexual Abuse

Additionally, Ms. Balonos-Gonzalez reported that there are now 66 group homes contracted with DCFS. She advised the Commission that Moore's Cottage, Mozell Pennington, and Rosemary's Group Home's have been put on hold.

**Internal Services Department (ISD)**

Brian Lear, Building Crafts Superintendent, (ISD), informed the Commissioners that he had nothing to report; he opened the floor to the Commission for questions.

**Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

There was no representative to present at this meeting.

**Probation Department (PD)**

Ms. Pamela Pease, Acting Supervising Deputy Probation Officer of the Probation Department, reported on the status of Absent Without Leave

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incidents for the month of January 2013 as follows:

- 123 AWOLS
  - 96 Youth
    - 46 Remain AWOL
    - 28 Returned to Group Home
    - 15 Juvenile Hall
    - 6 Camp
    - 1 Home on Probation

Ms. Pease also provided the Commission with a detailed report of the status on group home monitoring and investigations.

Mr. Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief, Adult Field/Juvenile Placement Services Division presented the Commissioners with an update on AB109 Post Release Community Supervision (PCS). Mr. Bingham also answered questions posed by the Commission.

#### Sheriff's Department

Commander Gerald Cooper distributed handouts which summarized demographics of the jail population; Commander Cooper also further reported on the status of AB109 and answered questions posed by the Commissioners.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for February 20, 2013. (13-0890)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

#### Daily Breeze:

- Undersheriff's Questionable Political Machinations is His Moonlight Job (January 4, 2013)
- Ridley-Thomas Urges Gardena Vest-sale Review (February 20, 2013)

#### Press Telegram:

- LBPD's Chief May Challenge Lee Baca (February 6, 2013)

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**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Let's Do More to Protect Kids (February, 9, 2013)**
- **Blind Leading Blind At County Child Services (February 14, 2013)**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

4.    Treasurer's Report for February 20, 2013. (13-0892)

**Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$735.96.**

5.    Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for February 20, 2013. (13-0893)

**There was no report presented.**

6.    Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on February 20, 2013. (13-0894)

**There was no report presented.**

7.    Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 14, 2013 to February 19, 2013. (13-0895)

**During the reporting period the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Marina Del Rey Station on February 19, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Hillside Home for Children - Page 22 #4, on February 14, 2013.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited LA County Mental Health Court Department 95 on February 14, 2013.**

**During the reporting period the following Group Home was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

- **Commissioner Grills visited Dangerfield Group Home - Page 10 #4, on February 19, 2013 and reported that two fire extinguishers were outdated, the Needs and Services Plans were not onsite, there was no posted activity schedule, the last emergency drill was August 20, 2012, and the medications secured by one lock.**

**During the reporting period the following Group Home was visited but not inspected:**

- **Commissioner Burton visited You Are the Difference, Loving Life - Page 45 #4, on February 8, 2013.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-0896)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

#### **Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0897)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of February 20, 2013. (13-0898)

**There being no further business, the meeting of February 20, 2013 was adjourned in memory of San Bernardino County Sheriff Detective, Jeremiah Mackay, at 11:47 a.m.**